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Credit cards leave many students deep in debt

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Despite a growing trend of college campaigns to ban credit card advertising on campus, SSU has not yet decided to ban on campus credit card solicitation.

Many SSU students are experiencing problems with the usage or more accurately, the overuse of credit cards. Many other students and staff believe that college is for learning which comes from making your own decisions - including whether or not to purchase a credit card.

SSU Vice President of Student Affairs Carol Williamson said that the decision to allow credit card solicitation on the SSU campus comes with a struggle each year.

"I hear from parents and staff who feel strongly about not allowing credit card companies to advertise," she said.

However, Williamson said that the general feeling about the issue is that it wouldn't be fair to leave credit card companies out of what is done for other companies in terms of advertising.

Junior Jeff Parsons, a finance major, said that at one point he had accumulated at least \$4,000 in credit card bills. Before cutting seven credit cards up, Parsons was in possession of nine credit cards, one of which was a Visa Platinum card, the credit card with the highest spending limit.

"I would add as much as \$10,000 on the application to describe my yearly income. Obviously they never checked, because I always

card companies solicit with the knowledge that most of the time the parent will come to the rescue of the student.



The Flyer/Erin Riesner

College students often have several credit cards, not just one, which can lead to heavy debts.

received a high spending limit," Parsons said.

In order to pay the \$300-\$500 a month credit card bills, Parsons was forced to work overtime during the school year. He also had to sell the summer business he had started.

Vice President of Operations of Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Maryland and Delaware Inc. Middy Oakman said that most colleges are targeted because it is assumed if students can afford to go to college, they can afford to pay credit card bills.

Oakman also said that credit

However, this is not always the case. Junior Jason Gallegos, a finance major, said that he took out a bank loan to pay off the \$2,500 he put on his credit card.

Part of his credit card expenses included his college tuition and books for the semester. A bank loan, which he used to pay his credit card debts, has forced Gallegos to watch his spending carefully.

However, with the help of the bank loan, Gallegos was awarded a Platinum credit card for outstanding credit. Despite any credit card problems

experienced by Gallegos, he feels that everyone needs a credit card because of the importance of credit ratings.

Williamson voiced a similar opinion that the economy has developed in a way that makes credit cards necessary. If credit cards continue to be a problem for SSU students, Williamson said that instead of a ban, "We could make it costly to display."

Senior Robert D. Core, a finance major, does not think that college students are mature enough to handle credit cards responsibly. Core said, "I think they are given out too readily on college campuses and should not be pushed so much."

Core is about \$3,000 in credit card debt. He said that because he couldn't work full time during school, he needed to use credit cards to get through certain times.

Daniel Angland, an SSU graduate, purchased all of his credit cards while in college. Angland has been out of school for six months and he said that he still has one credit card payment left.

The issue of credit card advertising practices has recently entered the court system. On Campus Marketing Concepts Inc., an on campus credit card promotion company that helps colleges with fund-raising opportunities, has been accused of unethical and fraudulent practices by Robert Bugai of the Association of Christian Investors.

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Housing seeing high demand for substance-free living

Mike Andersen
Flyer Staff Writer

SSU's experimental substance-free living project is off to a strong start this year.

The three month-old project, where students living on certain residence hall floors voluntarily choose to refrain from alcohol, cigarette, and drug use, is very popular among the students enrolled and has others clamoring for a substance-free environment next year.

The 80 students currently enrolled in substance-free living are evenly distributed between the sixth floors of Severn and Choptank Halls.

Senior Amy Schenk, who is the Resident Assistant (RA) of Severn's

program, said that a majority (82.5 percent) in her hall are either freshmen or transfer students, although some of the students are 21-years-old.

Chad Jenkins, RA of Choptank's program, says that 38 of the students in his hall are freshmen and no students are 21-years-old.

Schenk credits the success of the program to the sense of community and responsibility which she said exists.

Freshman Steve Howard echoed Schenk's belief in a community atmosphere. He said, "I really enjoy being here. It's good to be part of a really responsible group of people."

As alcohol often plays a role in college social life, alternative programs have been developed for those students

who choose to live in a substance-free environment.

Special alternative events have made substance-free living very popular among the enrolled students.

In Severn, sixth floor residents participated in special Halloween events, as well as a service-oriented Memory Walk.

Students enrolled in substance-free living in Choptank Hall had the opportunity to participate in three alternative events this year, ranging from a group discussion on a campus lecture, to a group activity called "Archie Bunker's Neighborhood."

Schenk said that substance-free housing for next semester is in such demand that a waiting list has already

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Student debt increases nationwide

Students relying more than ever on loans

Sam Sager
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Two recent studies show that student loan debt has rapidly increased since 1992, when the federal government made changes in financial aid programs.

One of the studies, conducted by student loan provider Nellie Mae Guaranty Agency, blamed increasing college costs, lower starting salaries for graduates and decreased availability of federal grants for the rise in student debt.

The second study by the American Council on Education found little correlation between tuition and student debt. Instead it attributed increased student debt to the expansion of the federal student loan program in 1992.

In 1992, Congress broadened eligibility for student loans, raised annual loan limits and created an unsubsidized new loan program. According to the ACE study, students took full advantage of the increased availability of loans and borrowed heavily to finance their educations.

The two studies' findings did not surprise student advocates.

"Taking out student loans to pay for college is an unfortunate reality for most students," said Robin Nolan, president of the Colorado Student Association. "The consequences of increasing debt to students can be felt in terms of access to higher educations, choice of institution and choice of career," Nolan said.

Ivan Frishberg, head of the United States Public Interest Research Group (USPIRG) Higher

Education Project agreed, "Spiraling debt presents a grave threat to American education. We need to stop raising college costs and make student loans cheaper."

The reports come at a time when Congress is considering lowering interest rates on student loans. Currently students pay 8.25 percent interest on their loans as well as origination fees equal to three percent of the amount borrowed.

Congress is currently considering reduction of student-loan interest rates to 7.25 percent. Advocates of the change argue that lowering the interest rate will save students billions of dollars. Reducing or eliminating origination fees would also help make student loans more affordable, say student advocates.

In case you missed it

National

*Last week, the Iraq showdown between Iraq President Saddam Hussein and the United States continued to escalate. Iraq ordered six American United Nations weapons inspectors to leave the country. The United Nations responded by removing the entire inspection team from Iraq. Meanwhile, President Clinton has ordered a second aircraft carrier, the USS Nimitz, into the Persian Gulf and sent Stealth Bombers into the region as part of a military buildup.

*On Thursday, Nov. 13, the nomination of Bill Lann Lee for assistant attorney general for civil rights was defeated in the Senate Judiciary Committee. If the nomination had been approved, Lee would have become the Clinton administration's highest ranking Asian-American. The Judiciary Committee opposed Lee's nomination because of his active role in promoting affirmative action. Democrats plan to resume the battle over Lee's nomination next session.

*On Thursday, Nov. 13, the Justice Department released a report on the first national stalking survey, conducted by Center for Policy Research in Denver, Colo. According to the survey, one out of

every 12 American women will be stalked at some time in their lives and a total of more than one million will be stalked annually. Approximately 370,000 men are stalked each year as well.

*On Wednesday, Nov. 12, a jury found Ramzi Yousef, 29, and Eyad Ismoil, 26, guilty of conspiracy to bomb the World Trade Center in New York, N.Y. Yousef faces life in prison as does his accomplice, Ismoil.

*On Wednesday, Nov. 12, Delaware attorney Thomas Capano was charged with first degree murder in the death of Anne Marie Fahey, appointments secretary for Governor Thomas Carper. Fahey, who disappeared on June 27, 1996, was last seen dining with Capano, with whom she had a three year relationship.

State/Local

*On Wednesday, Nov. 12, the Ocean City Council voted to change the look of the Boardwalk into a continuous, three-mile stretch of wooden planks. The concrete sections are buckled and pocked with holes, providing the opportunity to make the switch, which was supported by Mayor Jim Mathias. The conversion to all wood will cost \$3.5 million.

*On Wednesday, Nov. 12, Bell Atlantic announced it would raise the cost for local calls at pay phones by a dime. Other smaller phone companies have already increased their pay phone rates to 35 cents. All Bell Atlantic phones are expected to be converted to the new rates within 90 days. Local calls at pay phones had been 25 cents since 1985.

*On Monday, Nov. 10, a ceremonial ground-breaking was held for a retail center to be constructed on East College Avenue, across from Dresser Industries Inc. The nine acre center will have a Super Fresh grocery store as well as six to eight other neighborhood stores. Located at the corner of East College Avenue and Eastern Shore Drive, the site is within walking distance of SSU, which makes it appealing to developers.

*On Tuesday, Nov. 11, Maryland State Police trooper Robert Serio, 35, was injured while on patrol when his car, heading south, struck a deer on Route 413 at 11 p.m. Serio was treated for back and neck injuries at Peninsula Regional Medical Center and released. The accident was the second of the week involving a police officer and a deer.

Dining Services Director Bradley retiring next week

Brent Bozman
Flyer Staff Writer

University Dining Services Director Monte J. Bradley has announced his retirement from the university effective Nov. 26.

Bradley has served as dining services director at SSU for 18 years. Before arriving at SSU, Bradley served in the same capacity at State University of New York at Delhi for two years and Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Ind. for eight years.

Bradley said that he was proud of the growth of dining services into a "viable and integral part of our campus" during his tenure.

Bradley cited the over seven-fold growth of dining services and the introduction of new student dining alternatives such as the cuisine carts, the Sugar Shack, the Gull's Nest and the Crossroads Pub as signs of progress for dining services and the university.

"There's still plenty to be done, however. I'm sure that progress will continue after I leave," said Bradley.

Bradley considered the five year effort to construct and open the Commons the most important achievement of the dining services department.

"The Commons is a big part of the future of this university. [SSU] is on firm ground and pointed to many more years of progress," said Bradley.

"I want to thank the long-term employees, students past and present, the faculty and staff and the administration of the university for their support over these many years," said Bradley.

Bradley plans on spending his retirement traveling across the country and visiting his family.

"I have four children, 10 grandchildren and other relatives all across the country," said Bradley.



The Flyer/Erin Riesner
Monte Bradley, director of Dining Services, is retiring after 18 years of service at SSU.

Bradley also plans on helping his brother raise cattle on his small ranch near Midland, Texas.

SSU has not hired a permanent dining services director to replace

Bradley. Assistant Dining Services Director Carmen DiSilvestro will serve as interim director until a permanent replacement is found.

Recent affirmative action decisions attract attention

Hugh Bouchelle
Flyer Staff Writer

Recent Supreme Court decisions and Houston referendums on affirmative action have sent rumbles of uncertainty across SSU and other state institutions.

On Nov. 3, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear a constitutional challenge to the California law, Proposition 209, prohibiting preferential treatment based on race or sex in public employment education or contracting.

Two days later in Houston, Texas, voters overwhelmingly rejected a bid to end affirmative action in city contracts and hiring.

SSU has affirmative action programs in both hiring and admissions policies that may be affected by future legal actions.

In the Supreme Court Case, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) sued California Governor Pete Wilson

and others in an attempt to overturn Proposition 209. Proposition 209 had made California the first state in the union to outlaw affirmative action.

Some believe this rejection by the Supreme Court may open the door to the introduction of laws of this type in other states. Opponents of affirmative action, such as Californians Against Discrimination and Preferences, are claiming victory and a "final, decisive defeat of the effort by the ACLU and others to 'nullify' Proposition 209."

However, the Supreme Court's action was not a decision and set no legal precedent. It simply allowed lower court decisions to stand.

Meanwhile, voters in Houston had been asked to determine the fate of the city's affirmative action program by a referendum titled Proposition A. The referendum was defeated by a large margin allowing Houston's affirmative action policies to stand.

The vote was hailed, in an Associated Press release, by President

William Clinton who said, "That's a second version of the debate that was held in California, and I expect that debate will be held in other communities throughout the country."

Supporters claim the Houston vote will steer the direction of future debates back to affirmative action. Opponents have countered, saying the

results were simply part of the recent election phenomena where most referendums, perceived by many voters as resulting from special interests, were "swept away by the politics of no."

Robert Sperry, assistant to the president and in house counsel for SSU said that the referendum in Houston and see **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**, page 5

Credit card companies single out students for advertising

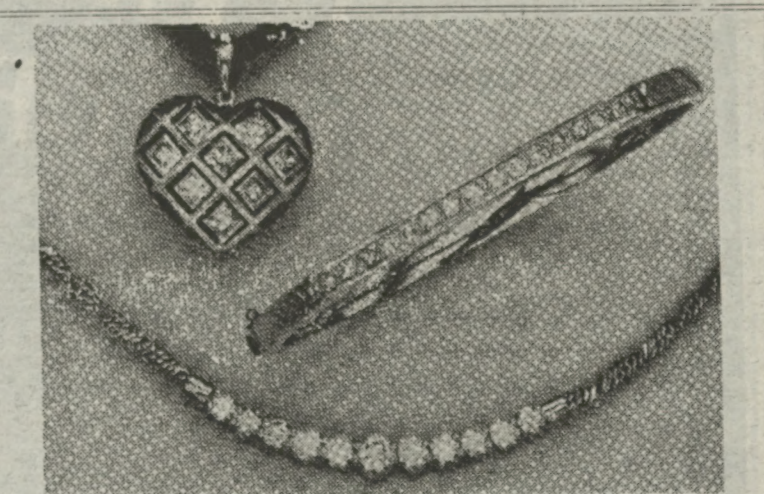
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Several college newspapers have published material provided by Bugai, which On Campus Marketing claimed defamed the organization. In March, On Campus Marketing filed a civil suit against Bugai in New Jersey Superior Court.

The outcome of that case is still

awaiting trial, but with legal documents being filed and court cases being arraigned, the battle to maintain on campus credit card advertising continues.

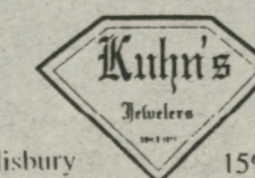
As far as SSU is concerned, Williamson said, "We discuss those issues and anything is a possibility."



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Indiana fraternity chapter expelled for hazing practices

Eric Veley
NSNS Staff Writer

Intense student community pressure and national media attention has convinced Indiana University (IU) to expel the IU chapter of Zeta Beta Tau fraternity for racist and sexist hazing.

Local police officers, upon arresting a group of ZBT pledges for felony theft on Oct. 15, found an itemized ZBT scavenger hunt list describing racist and sexist objectives for the pledges to fulfill.

Zeta Beta Tau sent its pledges on a scavenger hunt, upon which successful completion would gain them full membership status in the fraternity. They instructed the pledges, all white, that "You are all Black Men...You are confronted with a task tonight that has a

great history here, everyone has done it, as will you..."

The scavenger list, compiled by standing members of the fraternity, included such items as photographs of "an old person (50+) reading [a] male porno magazine (extra credit if the person reading is male)...any funny-lookin' Mexican (blacksican extra credit), any midget (black midget, super-extracredit), any albino (black albino, you get activated)...pictures of two chicks making out (less clothes, more credit)" and an "impression of a nipple (female) in a jar of peanut butter."

Student groups, especially African-Americans, Latinos and Latinas, women and even other greek organizations orchestrated a 300-strong rally on ZBT's front lawn, penned an open letter to Dean McKaig, organized a

meeting with McKaig to discuss the possible expulsion of ZBT, held an open forum with minority groups and ZBT's president and collectively released a broad range of complaints and admonitions to alert the University to the massive student outrage over this and prior fraternity-related racism problems.

The IU Student Coalition, formed in the fall of 1996 to unite the campus minority groups on campus issues, led the campus-wide efforts to address ZBT's racially-charged affront. The Coalition's unification of so many students and student organizations provided the force necessary to make the IU administration act responsibly in favor of students.

On Oct. 20, Dean of Afro-American Affairs Lawrence Hanks had criticized the IU administration for

taking so long to respond to this major racist incident. "We are appalled that this happened on Wednesday and today is Monday and we have heard nothing from our president [or] our chancellor," said Hanks.

The African-American community, he said, will not tolerate "such open bigotry, especially at a time when the country is disbanding affirmative action."

After a brief administrative investigation of the incident, McKaig announced the chapter's indefinite expulsion in a press conference at the Indiana Memorial Union.

"We will not tolerate hazing or any other actions which endanger our community or undermine our expectation of mutual respect for persons and property," said McKeig.

National debate over affirmative action could bring changes to SSU

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the Supreme Court decision will have no immediate legal impact on SSU.

Sperry explained that the University System of Maryland (USM) is in the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court and decisions of the other federal courts are

not binding on this court.

However, he did say that the current climate and conflicting decisions by some of the various federal courts, create a perfect environment in which the Supreme Court typically must become involved to settle the issue.

Any Supreme Court decision

in this matter would be binding on the USM.

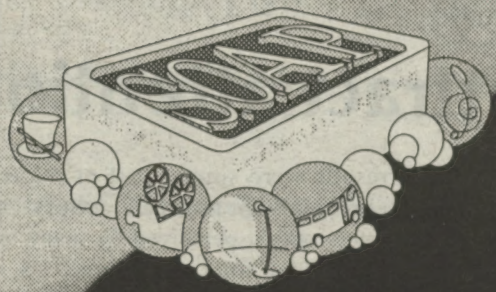
Concerned organizations at SSU are just now digesting this new information and have promised comments and opinions will be forthcoming.

Whoever the advantage may

belong to at this point, last week's round of political action was another indication that affirmative action is still an issue to be decided.

Next week, *The Flyer* will further investigate these issues as they apply directly to the students at SSU.

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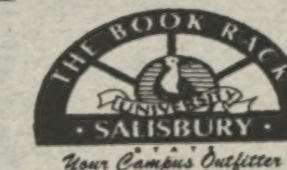
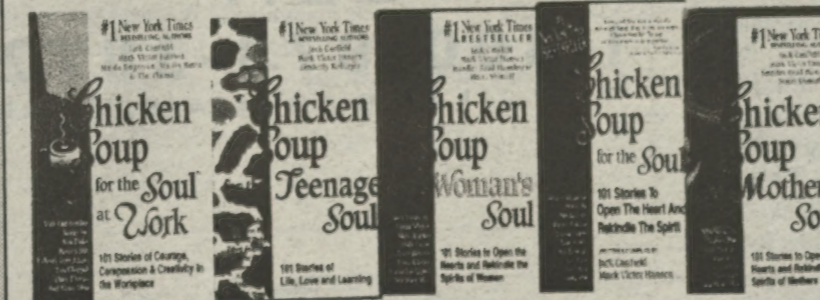
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Congress approves Pell Grant increase

Sam Sager
NSNS Staff Writer

Students won an important financial aid victory last week when the Senate and House leaders agreed to increase the maximum Pell Grant award for fiscal year 1998 and make Pell Grants more widely available to independent students.

The Pell-Grant award has been raised to \$3,000, a \$300 increase, making this the largest Pell Grant award ever.

The agreement between House and Senate leaders came after months of grassroots campaigning by students and student advocates.

"Hopefully this signals a new era of commitment from Congress to keep higher education affordable to all students," said Jigar Madia, president of the University of Minnesota's student government.

Madia credited the victory to the thousands of postcards, letters and phone calls from students to their Senators and Representatives.

The House and Senate Conferees also made it easier for both independent and dependent students who work to qualify for Pell Grant awards.

In 1992, when Congress last reauthorized the Higher Education Act, the amount of money independent and dependent students could earn was lowered. Student

advocates said the change had forced many independent students to forego college because they feared too much debt.

Under the negotiated plan, the amount independent students can earn would be raised by \$5,000. The income cap for dependent students who work would be raised by \$2,300.

"Raising the income cap was the most critical problem we needed to repair from 1992," said Chancellor Charles Bunting of the Vermont state colleges. "The cap needs to go higher, but at least we are pointed in the right direction," he added.

Although student aid advocates are confident that both houses of Congress agree with the final financial aid numbers, the overall bill faces an uncertain future.

Because of a compromise on national testing, the bill faces opposition from conservative House members, Senator Bill Goodling (R-PA), chair of the Education and the Workforce Committee and the President. The President has threatened to veto the spending bill over the national testing issue.

The negotiated bill also included \$25 million for the State Student Incentive Grant (SSIG). Although this is only half of what the program received last fiscal year, both the House and the President had proposed that the program be eliminated. Most financial aid programs remained at last year's levels, while the Perkins loan program was cut slightly.

Substance-free housing off to a strong start

HOUSING, from front page developed. Jenkins said students have expressed interest in the program as well.

To combat anticipated waiting lists for the 1998 fall semester, program directors have started to recruit potential residents of substance-free floors. The demand for this type of on-campus housing has been in such demand

that some students have actually approached RAs asking to reside in substance-free housing.

Given the program's popularity and student demand, substance-free living is likely to continue beyond its trial run at SSU.

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Students with Wednesday night classes face mad Thanksgiving dash

Pamela Raitt
Features Editor

Like most SSU students, I am looking forward to spending next Thursday with my family, gathered around the table for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. To get to that meal, I will travel four and a half hours by car to New York City. Ideally, I should leave Salisbury around noon on Wednesday, so that even with the anticipated traffic, I could arrive in the city around dinnertime. There's just one problem - I have class until 8:15 on Wednesday nights, including the night before Thanksgiving.

Although dorms close at 5:00 p.m. next Wednesday, classes are not canceled. According to Title 13B of the Maryland Higher Education Commission, there must be a minimum of 15 hours, of 50 minutes each of class time, exclusive of registration, study days and holidays. In layman's terms, this means that in order to insure that schools in the University System of

Maryland (USM) meet those requirements, classes can only be canceled on the day before Thanksgiving if the missed classes can be made up elsewhere.

According to Terry Hollander, associate director of articulations for USM, a committee consisting of representatives from the 11 degree granting institutions in the system, began meeting in 1994 to determine the 1997-98 calendar. The committee looked at the possibility of turning the Thanksgiving holiday into a full week off, but due to conflicts over the start date of the fall and winter semesters they were unable to do so. Based on the start dates for those two semesters, the extra day of classes on Wednesday was needed in order to meet the Title 13B requirements.

So now, as a result of this policy, myself and other affected students have three equally unattractive options: depart Salisbury after class, which means not getting on the road until 8:30 or 9:00 p.m.; depart Salisbury

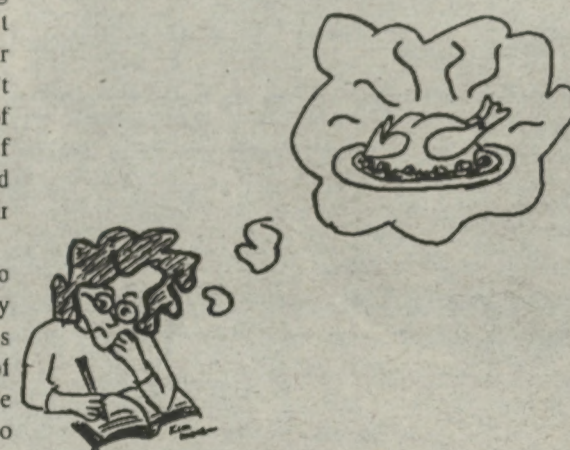
on Thanksgiving Day and let our relatives cool their heels while we fight traffic on the heaviest traveling day of the year; or cut class.

Ironically, perhaps some students are lucky enough to have found themselves with a fourth option. Reportedly a lot of teachers are canceling their classes on Wednesday, regardless of the USM policy. Should these students, who will be able to make it to their Thanksgiving destinations without missing class, consider themselves lucky? Aren't they being cheated out of the full number of classroom hours promised to them in return for their tuition?

The solution to this situation is probably beyond me, but it seems that some reshuffling of dates is in order. Or, the USM could decide to consider the Wednesday

before Thanksgiving as part of the holiday period, thus making it exempt as one of the dates eligible for the completion of required hours under 13B.

Of course this year's calendar is already set and I'm sure most students with Wednesday classes have already figured out how they'll handle the situation. As for me, I just hope the turkey's still warm when I get there.



Organizational newsletter misinformed and misguided

David Ferrera
News Editor

Last week, a newsletter entitled *The Liberty* quietly began circulating the campus. *The Liberty* is the product of the recently formed Collegiate Conservative Society Inc. While it is encouraging to see a group of students take advantage of their freedom of speech (a rare occurrence at SSU), it is puzzling why an organization needs their own public newsletter.

Typically, organizational newsletter are targeted at members of the organization and not the public. For example, Sophanes, the drama organization, had their own newsletter,

which was mailed out to its members only before switching to email.

Apparently the Collegiate Conservative Society Inc. is trying to reach a larger audience. Whether that reason is to entice potential members to join or just to voice their perspective on issues they care about, there are better ways to achieve this agenda.

SSU's student run newspaper *The Flyer* exists as an outlet for student opinions and views. Currently very few students, faculty or other members of the campus community take advantage of the opportunity provided by *The Flyer*.

The Collegiate Conservative Society Inc. is just one on a long list of groups and individuals who have not

attempted to use *The Flyer* as a forum for a discussion of issues.

In fact, one of the stories run in *The Liberty* was nearly identical to one published in *The Flyer*. The difference comes in the mission of the two publications. *The Flyer's* goal is to objectively as possible, present issues of importance to the campus community.

The Liberty's goal seems to be to produce propaganda that relies heavily on opinion and lacks good, solid research. There are misleading stories, such as "Jack Daniels Solves Computer Lines," which claims that the Crossroads Pub will create a drunken student body oblivious to problems with the computer system.

While the opinions about the Crossroads and the computer systems are valid and should be expressed, the two have nothing to do with each other. Also, the headline reads inaccurately, as no hard liquor is available at the Crossroads.

It is doubtful the Collegiate Conservative Society Inc. was able to reach as many students as capably as a campus newspaper with a circulation of 2,500 as *The Flyer* does.

This is fortunate since *The Liberty* offers misrepresentations heavy on opinions and weak on fact.

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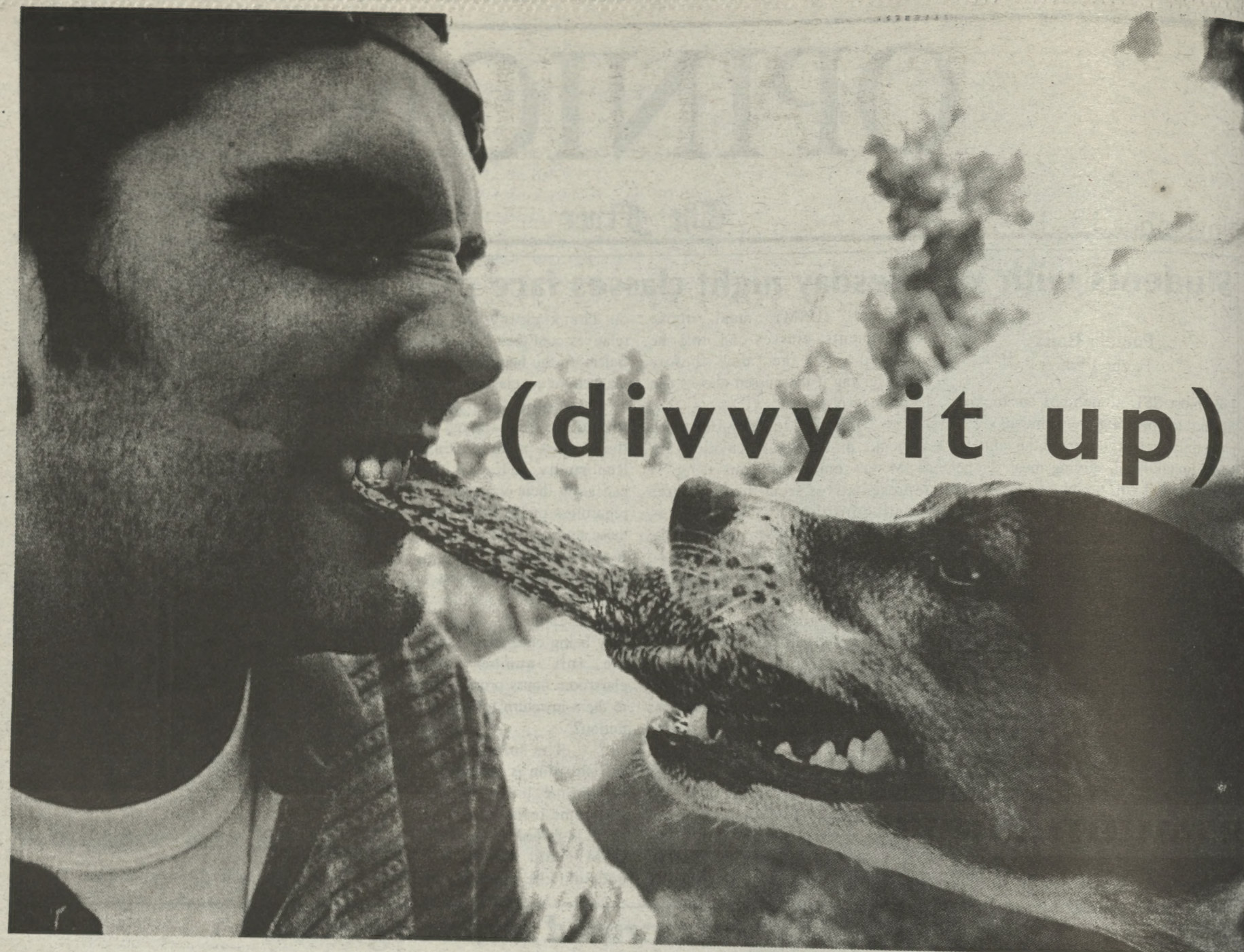
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The Crossroads so far: some pros and cons

Heather Crutchfield
Flyer Staff Writer

On its second weekend of operation, some friends and I decided to check out Crossroads, the new campus pub. Upon entry my hand was marked faintly with an "x" to denote my underage status. The motion of the crowd dragged me straight to the bar while the music of local band 50 Feet pounded.

In barely the time it took for me to absorb the atmosphere, I had been shoved by one patron, spilled on and had smoke blown in my face. So much for the friendly, smoke-free atmosphere I was anticipating.

I watched in amusement as a 16 year old, who looked older but wore no yellow strap (the opposite of my "x," it lets the bartenders know you are of age) around her wrist, chugged down beer after beer. I didn't stop her; it wasn't my place to, but I could certainly appreciate the irony of the situation.

No beer police. No student employee brave enough to approach the many smokers who lit up inside to keep out of the rain. No one monitoring the nooks and crannies that lie along the long path to the secluded bathrooms.

The pub's creation was a result of the Alcohol Task Force at this university, meant to curb binge drinking

by providing an all-ages atmosphere with entertainment and both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.

The pub is also meant to prevent drinkers from having to drive home and create a potentially fatal situation.

But despite the pub's obvious problems, there are many things going

party atmosphere that is free and entertaining. Local bands play their tunes from a corner stage while pool sharks test their skills at the tables. There is something for everyone.

Matt Peek, the host of the popular on campus game show, Marker Madness, said, "I feel it is a worthwhile environment for students to relieve

Friday, said, "It's a nice place for all the students of Salisbury to hang out."

While the pub is great for fun and atmosphere, graduate student Brian Gomes posed a warning, "I just hope people don't screw up and try to drink underage. It's a privilege, not a tool of underage drinking."

SSU is one of three universities in Maryland that boast an on-campus pub, and is the only public campus so far to have one. The other two schools, Mount Saint Mary's College in Emmittsburg and Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore have also gone 'wet' as a means of controlling binge and off campus drinking, according to a November 10 article published in the *Baltimore Sun*.

The *Sun* article also mentioned that the Hopkins tavern nearly closed last year because of a deficiency in attendance, which makes me put into question the future of our own on campus watering hole.

While Salisbury has decided to combat the problem of binge drinking by making alcohol available on campus, other universities, such as Frostburg State University (FSU) where last year a 21-year-old student died of alcohol poisoning, have decided to go dry. While this may be a solution for that campus, one Frostburg student disagreed. Erin

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The Flyer/Carl Cooksey

Students enjoy the new Crossroads pub on a recent Saturday night.

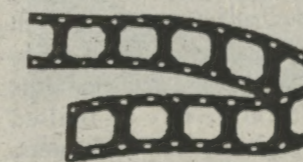
on in the private club that are worthwhile and beneficial.

First of all, the kids are having fun. Sure, we've seen the students have fun before, but here are non-traditional students, guests, freshmen, students from every background coming together in a

stress. All in all, I believe [the University] has made a stellar choice!"

Despite the private nature of the pub, guests are invited at one per student. Chazz Parker, a University of Hawaii student who visited the pub last

Movie Review: "The Little Mermaid"



Pamela Raitt
Features Editor

In reviewing "The Little Mermaid" this week, I am about to reveal something that may come as a surprise: I'm really nothing more than a sentimental fool at heart, a believer in romance and true love. I must be, how else to explain the fact that I was crying during the final scene of this Disney classic?

It's the story of Ariel, the 16-year-old mermaid daughter of King Triton, ruler of the undersea world of "merfolk." Ariel is frustrated that she is a mermaid, that she can't live among the mysterious humans whose shipwrecked

treasures she has been collecting all of her life. Triton has warned her time and again that to have contact with the humans (heartless harpooners, as he

terms them) is strictly forbidden but his daughter defies him. On one of her journeys to the top she saves a handsome prince from drowning and falls in love with him. "The Little Mermaid" is Ariel's attempt to find her prince and make him fall in love with her.

The film is exquisitely crafted: the animation was state of the art in its

day, and is still very impressive even the better part of a decade later. Disney's artists filled the film with a fluidity and attention to detail that brings the

characters and their world to life.

The movie's score has been given the accolades that it deserves in the form of Academy Awards and a Grammy. The songs are

catchy, lyrically clever and highly memorable, with styles ranging from burlesque ("Poor Unfortunate Souls" and "Les Poissons") to the calypso of "Under

the Sea," the film's "big production number." Despite this latter song being the best known in the film (and the one that won the Academy Award), it is really "Part of Your World," which Ariel first sings just before meeting Prince Eric and which is reprised instrumentally throughout the film, which is its most significant. This tender, wistful and delicate expression of Ariel's longing speaks volumes about the young mermaid's character, mind and spirit. Similarly, the instrumental score is never overshadowed even by the high quality of the songs. Simple and classically beautiful, it brings out the film's various moods most effectively.

In fact, "The Little Mermaid" is a near-perfect film. It tells its story at a level which enchants children and yet

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THE LITTLE
MERMAID

"Elbows off the table!" Students learn table manners at etiquette dinner

Andrea Brown-Hurley
Flyer Staff Writer

Don't pick your teeth at the table. Don't blow on your soup. Don't make the ice cubes the edible part of your beverage. Don't "play Zorro" with your napkin. These were but a few of the messages imparted to students during Thursday night's Etiquette Dinner in the Worcester room in the Commons.

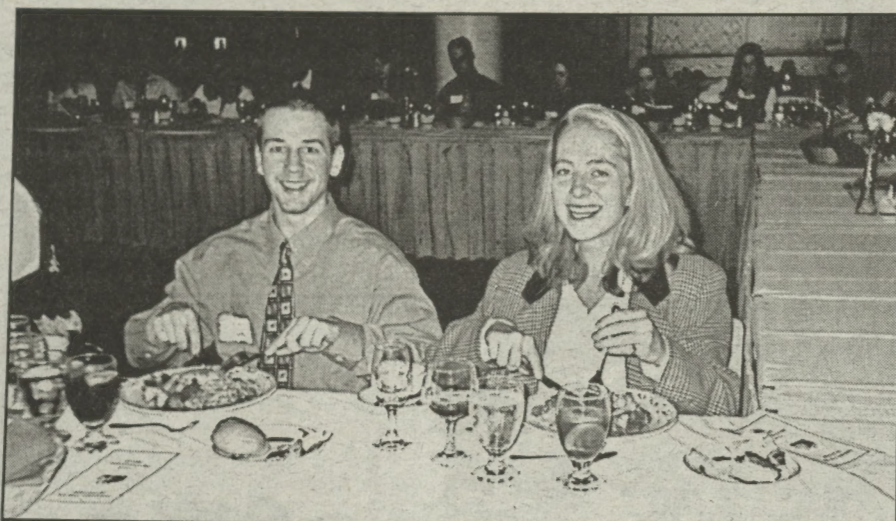
Carmen DiSylvestro, associate director of dining services, planned the event as a learning experience for students preparing to enter the work force. With the trend toward conducting interviews over meals, DiSylvestro aimed to hone students' social skills through the interactive dinner. "There is nothing more awkward than not having a comfort zone," said DiSylvestro.

He strove to create an atmosphere in which students could begin to develop this self-assurance. With the help of Dining Services staff, DiSylvestro transformed the Worcester room into a fine dining restaurant. White linen cloths graced tables elegantly set for 48 persons to enjoy a four-course meal (41 students and four career services staff members actually attended the dinner).

At 5 p.m., students began to straggle into the hallway. Men decked out in suits and ties and women in skirts

and dresses picked up their name tags, mingled and enjoyed "cocktails" of non-alcoholic red and white wine.

Some students expressed their motivations for participating in the \$10 event. Senior Vickie Acree said that the dinner was a "tremendous, rare opportunity to be in a comfortable setting and learn proper etiquette."



Two students who learned how to eat with etiquette at last week's dinner.

Junior Carmon Strickland called the dinner a "unique experience," one that she felt would help her "prepare for the real world."

Senior Robert Keefer, who anticipates graduating in May with a degree in Information Systems Management, said that he hoped to "get a better understanding of how to communicate during a business event."

Even before entering the dining area, students got an education in business etiquette. Many of the participants learned from DiSylvestro's

firm grip for handshakes and to maintain eye contact while speaking and listening.

Similarly, Elizabeth C. Bellavance, career consultant at the placement office, asked students to form small groups and challenged them to make introductions in the proper order, pretending SSU President William Merwin had entered their groups. Bellavance pointed out that "everyone's shy," and suggested students divert the focus from themselves by trying to make other people in the room feel comfortable.

Next, students filed into the dining area, the men pulling out the ladies' chairs before seating themselves. After getting comfortable, students listened to Emery discuss dressing for success. Among other suggestions, she advised students to see themselves through the interviewer's eyes by sitting in front of a full-length mirror prior to the interview. She stressed the importance of shiny shoes and clean fingernails. Emery illustrated her points by using examples from the crowd.

After receiving a handout of guidelines for successful dressing, students turned their attention to the overhead projector at the front of the room, where DiSylvestro, emphasizing his belief that it is "best to learn by repetition," displayed a diagram of the place settings in front of the participants.

Relieved of the novice's silverware anxiety, students learned the dos and don'ts of napkin usage and how to avoid the bread and salad mix-up

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"The Little Mermaid"

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does not patronize adults. It also does not shy away from highlighting the story's central dilemma - that if Ariel wants to marry and stay with her prince, she must leave her father, her sisters, her friends and her whole world under the sea.

Ariel's tough decision is not trivialized or ignored and having made it, it is a tearful farewell that she offers to her previous life at the end. Her last words in the movie are a half-whispered "I love you, Daddy" to her father as she leaves him and everything that she has known behind. Ariel has come of age (and made me cry!)

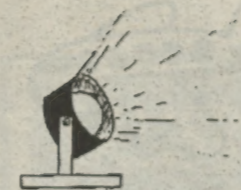
The characterization of Ariel, both vocally and in her animation is one of the film's strongest points. Despite her 2-D limitations,

she has captured the hearts of many young men around the world; as a quick examination of the number and type of web sites dedicated to her will testify. Ariel is an extraordinary achievement in film making and one of the most human, most convincing and most real characters in the history of animation. This is largely due to a meticulous attention paid to tiny details of her facial expressions, movements and poise; and of course the universality of her story, which in the end is really about the tough compromises we sometimes have to make in life to get what we want.

"The Little Mermaid" is a surprisingly modern fable about a headstrong young woman who is determined to live her life on her own terms, no matter what. When Disney first released the film on

home video it was on a strictly limited basis and it has been unavailable for years, although there are still large numbers of rental copies apparently in circulation. It is currently on a limited engagement run in theaters, until the end of November. This testifies to the film's ongoing popularity, as does the fact that it has spawned (pardon the pun) a series of children's novels and other books, a TV series spin-off set before the events of the film (itself of an extremely high quality) and two magazines.

So head for the theater as soon as possible, before Ariel swims away again. Bring a box of tissues and go to a matinee - less chance that anyone you know will see you drying your tears on the way out.

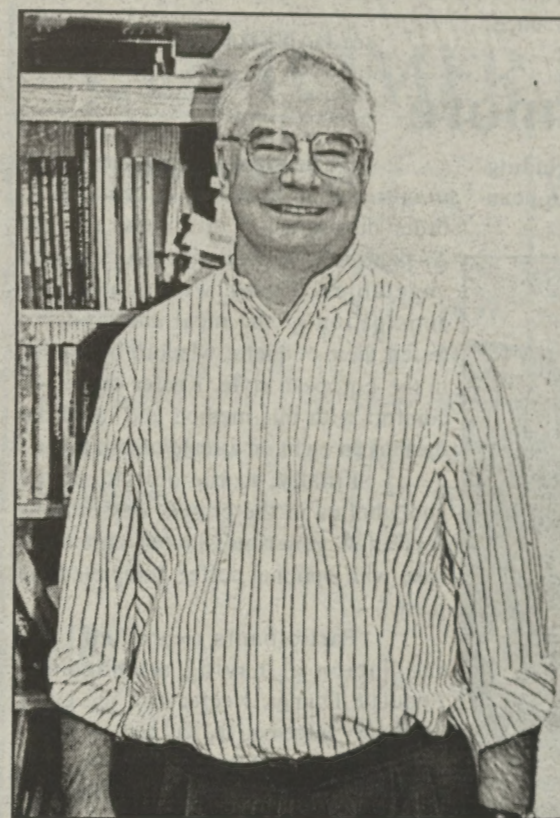


Emily Argo
Flyer Staff Writer

Each week in Spotlight, Emily Argo ventures out into SSU's hallowed halls of academia in search of professorial profiles.

This week the spotlight is on George Whitehead, professor of psychology and department chair, whose commitment to education and community involvement are reflected in his many endeavors.

In 1996, Whitehead was appointed by Governor Parrus Glendening to the Wicomico County Board of Education, a five year



The Flyer/Erin Riesner
Department of Psychology Chair George Whitehead has been teaching at SSU for 25 years.

appointment. He said, "I have always been concerned with educational issues. I was delighted to be appointed so I could be involved in policy making." The board is involved in budget recommendations and curriculum review.

For a number of years, Whitehead also served on various Wicomico County Board of Education committees and on the Maryland PTA board of directors. Whitehead said, "My children initially got me involved in

these organizations. I wanted to be sure they and other students in the county got the best education they could get."

One organization that Whitehead has particularly enjoyed being involved in is AmeriCorps, a national service organization. He helped SSU's Center for Service Learning receive the federal grant for the program three years ago. He said, "It has been really gratifying to see the community and the university come together to help adolescents." The 32 members of AmeriCorps are working with PALS, the Partnership for Adolescents on the Lower Shore.

Whitehead served as the chair of the University Forum last year. During his term, the Faculty Senate was created and the Alcohol Task Force was formed. He is now the chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Restructuring the Forum, whose goal is to develop a governance structure for the university so the faculty, staff and students will each have a voice. Whitehead said that in the former structure mainly the students and faculty held power.

Whitehead is a l s o representing the Forum on the General Education Task Force, created by the Provost. This committee is examining the university's curriculum. Whitehead said, "It is good for the university to reflect on what it is doing in terms of its

students because the student body has changed. We also need to look at the latest pedagogy. We may find some new things we want to do or some things we want to change."

Whitehead's list of other affiliations is impressive: he is the chair of the Lower Shore

Chapter of Red Cross, chair of the administrative board at Asbury United Methodist Church and chair of Mapleshade, a facility for troubled youth in Wicomico and Dorchester Counties. He is a member of the American Psychological Association, member and former president of the Eastern Shore Phi Delta Kappa, an education fraternity, a member of Psi Chi, a psychology society and a member of Phi Kappa Phi, a national honor society.

Whitehead earned his bachelor's degree in psychology at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. He received his Master's degree in psychology at C.W. Post College in Long Island, NY and his doctorate in social psychology at University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Whitehead has been teaching at SSU for 25 years.

This year Whitehead is teaching Social Psychology, Statistical Analysis of Experiments and a new interdisciplinary course called Service Learning and Higher Education. The new course, which will be offered in the spring, combines community service

learning with a classroom experience. Whitehead said, "It is a new course, and it is very exciting for me. The course allows students to learn through activities, look at how they view experiences and how they view the world."

Despite his hectic schedule of teaching and committee work, Whitehead still finds time to pursue some hobbies. He jogs three miles, three times a week. He likes to play tennis and to read. He also enjoys spending time with his 18-year-old son, a student at Western Maryland College, and his 22-year-old daughter, a graduate student at Emory University.

Of his long term plans, Whitehead said, "I want to continue to teach and I want to examine the way I deliver course material. I would like to write a book at some point in my life. I also want to continue searching for grant opportunities to enhance the Center for Service Learning and continue to serve my community."

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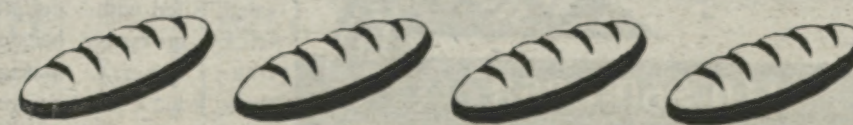


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Far from home

a weekly look at SSU's international community

Jennifer Martin
Flyer Staff Writer

Noriko Haneda has experienced many new things since arriving from Japan in January. She saw her first episode of "Seinfeld," which has quickly become her favorite sitcom, she went to her first baseball game and she has visited cities such as Baltimore and Philadelphia. Haneda also vacationed in the Cayman Islands this summer. However, next week she will engage in something she never has before, Thanksgiving. "That is an American holiday I am looking forward to experiencing," she said.

Haneda was born in Ibaraki, Japan, a small town about two hours from Tokyo. Haneda graduated from high school in 1992 and then transferred to Ibaraki University. While attending classes, she participated in the school's



The Flyer/Courtesy of Noriko Haneda
Noriko Haneda, on a trip to Washington D.C.

orchestra club. She received her BA in reading and language arts in March 1996.

Following this time, Haneda hoped to come to the States not only to experience the American way of life but to further her education and partake in student teaching. Arrangements were soon made for her transfer by Professor Jack Wennersten of the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore. "He was teaching in Japan at the time and helped me come here," Haneda said.

After arriving here, Haneda, who is majoring in elementary education, noticed many cultural differences. "Americans wear more comfortable clothes. Back home, everyone wears name brands," she said. Haneda also mentioned that Americans have more freedom and opportunities than the Japanese. "It's so different. I feel like I have changed so much since

arriving here," she said.

So far Haneda has enjoyed her time here very much. She said, "Salisbury has many great professors. I especially like the peaceful atmosphere of the campus." She finds her classes challenging, yet interesting. Although she has known English since the seventh grade, she still finds it hard to express her feelings.

She said, "On paper it comes easy, but sometimes when I'm in conversation I can't think of what to say next." She is confident though that the opportunity to speak English every day will help her English improve. When at home, she has little chance to speak it, since her parents only speak Japanese.

Haneda has kept herself very busy while in Salisbury. For the past

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Etiquette dinner teaches table manners and more

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(salads and bread on the left, beverages on the right).

Keefer said he gleaned valuable information from this part of the lesson, especially about the proper placement of the napkin when temporarily exiting the table.

Armed with etiquette wisdom, students eagerly awaited the first course of the meal: french onion soup. DiSylvestro said he planned a challenging menu and he hoped the soup would teach students the "rules and

tribulations of having to man a soup spoon, bread and mozzarella cheese."

It is one item interviewees should never order. Keefer simulated bobbing for apples as he tried to avoid staining his tie with the gooey stew. Emery wished for "a little pair of scissors for snipping cheese." But all of the participants seemed ready for the challenge.

Next, DiSylvestro informed students of the top 10 dining mistakes, including: don't hold your knife like a dagger; don't put used cutlery back on

their plates. Some students, including Keefer, tried to employ the European



The Flyer/Courtesy of Andrea Brown-Hurley
Robert Keefer learned how to navigate the dinner table at the Etiquette Dinner.

style, eating with their forks in their left hands. Many diners followed DiSylvestro's advice, breaking off bite-sized portions of bread, instead of inhaling one-half a slice at a time.

Throughout this segment, DiSylvestro offered guidance and answered student questions. He said that studies show that recruiters don't pick people who salt foods before tasting because it demonstrates hasty decision-making. Similarly, he warned against ordering expensive menu items like filet mignon, citing evidence that recruiters expect such persons to be negligent with expense accounts.

The main course exemplified an entree that would be acceptable to order during a job interview: stuffed chicken breasts, wild rice and steamed vegetables. Forks were poised in anticipation of the meal and students tested their etiquette wisdom by eating in the European style. Keefer expressed comfort with this method and rated the meal as an eight on a scale of one to ten.

Finally, to the delight of the chocoholics in the crowd, dessert was served. A generous slab of chocolate cake with optional coffee completed the feast.

Participants expressed their satisfaction at having attended the Etiquette Dinner. Keefer said the event was "very informative," as well as fun.

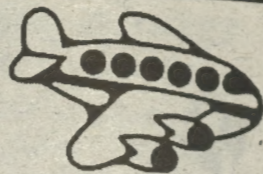
Senior Dominique Cox, who hopes to pursue a career in the film industry, said the dinner provided reinforcement to her existing etiquette wisdom. "It's always good to know what to do in social situations," said Cox.

Like Keefer and Cox, diners at Thursday's etiquette event forged the "comfort zone" essential to interviewing success. Besides enjoying a great meal, they armed themselves with skills necessary to survive in today's competitive job market.

"If you plan to get ahead in life," said DiSylvestro, "in a position that deals with the public, you must first learn to speak and interact."

Those students who attended the Etiquette Dinner are one step ahead.

The next Etiquette Dinner will be in April 1998.



Noriko Haneda, of Japan

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two months she has been working for catering services and has enjoyed every minute of it. "It's good practice for my English and fun too!" she said. With her busy schedule of classes and a job, she still finds time to enjoy some of her favorite hobbies, such as biking and knitting.

Haneda keeps in touch with her family every weekend. She hasn't seen her family or her friends in almost a year and misses them very much. She mentioned that she misses the time spent with her friends back home. "We usually went biking or watched videos. Things are much different here," she said.

Although she is anxiously anticipating her reunion with her family and

friends, there are many things Haneda will miss about the United States. She will miss the numerous television programs, the variety of food and the opportunities she has enjoyed here.

After returning to Japan, Haneda plans to continue her education and prepare for her Teacher's Employment Exam in July. Haneda believes this experience will encourage her to be a better educator in Japan. "I love children, and can't wait to teach," she said.

For now, Haneda is looking forward to her first Thanksgiving dinner. Yet she saddened at the thought of not being able to enjoy the humor of "Seinfeld." "We don't have that show in Japan," she said, "and I will really miss watching it."

Early reaction to the Crossroads

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Carney, a junior at FSU, said, "I wish we had a bar on campus at our school, then we might have somewhere to go."

In the 1995 survey taken at SSU that prompted the Alcohol Task Force into creation, it was discovered that 56 percent of SSU students participated in binge drinking

during the two weeks before the survey, 12 percent more than the national average. Whether the pub has any affect on this number, time will tell. But until then students will have a place to go and hang out...and drink, if they are so inclined.

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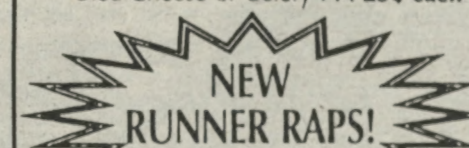
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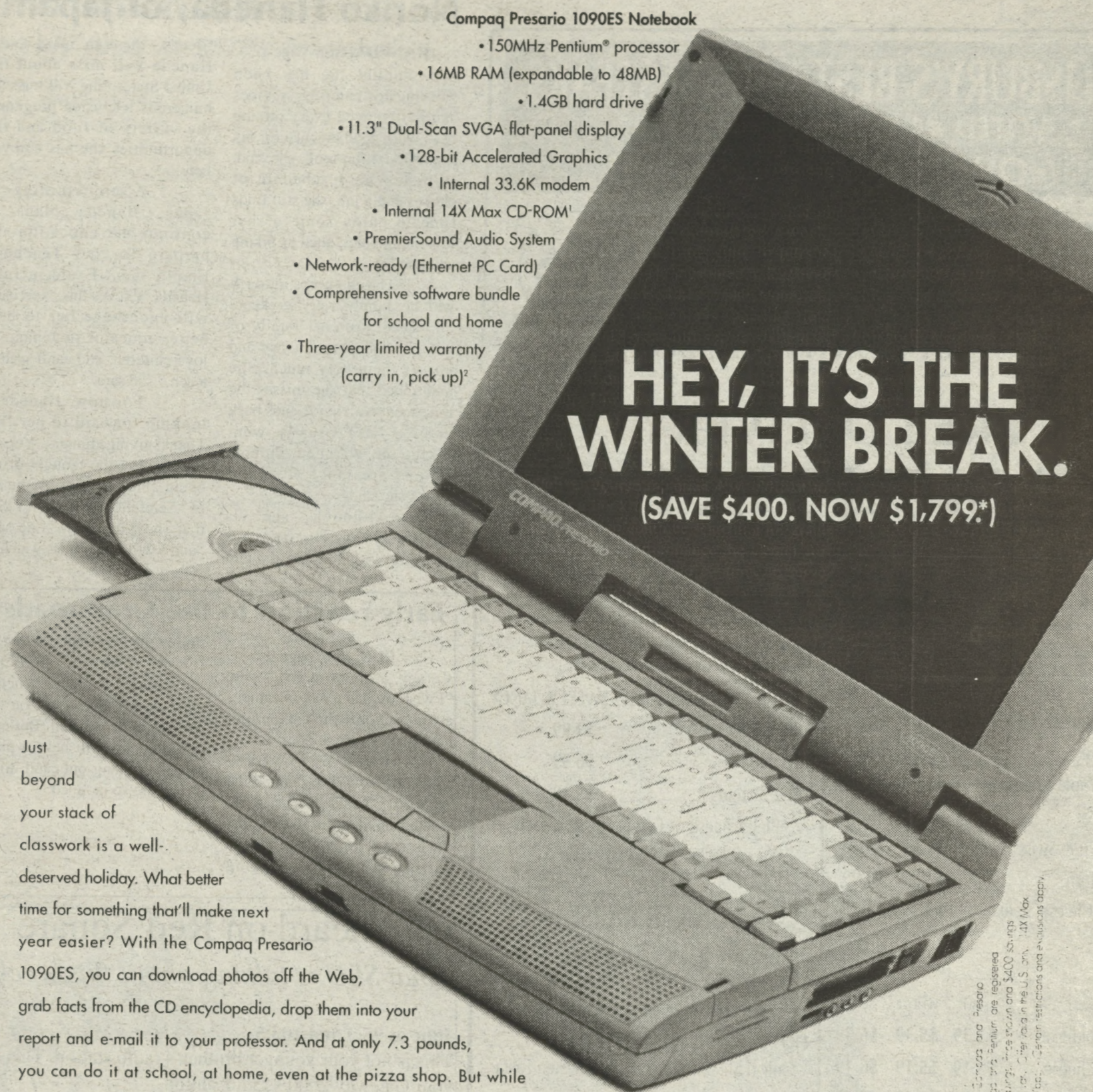
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Sea Gulls finish the season with a win over the Pioneers

Brian Ansel
Flyer Sports Writer

Even the chilly overcast weather conditions could not stop the SSU faithful from coming out to watch the football team's victory over William Paterson University on Saturday. The 16-14 Sea Gull victory, it's last regular season game, sent 11 seniors out on a high note on Senior Day.

"We are pleased with our team. Our team did not give up and they played real hard. We sent our seniors out as winners," said SSU head coach Joe Rotellini.

On Campus

Football

The Sea Gulls closed out their season with a 16-14 victory over William Paterson at home. SSU received touchdown runs from quarterback Matt Main and running back MacArthur James. Freshman defensive back Robert Howes had a big game as he picked off two Pioneer passes in the fourth quarter. (Story this page)

Field Hockey

Last Monday the SSU field hockey team ended their quest in the NCAA tournament. Messiah scored the game-winning goal with no time left on the clock to give them the 1-0 victory. The loss ended the Sea Gulls 13-game winning streak as they finished the season 17-4. (Story page 17)

Women's Soccer

The 1997 All-Capital Athletic Conference women's soccer team was released last week. The Sea Gulls placed two players on the first team and four on the second team. (See Gull Takes page 18)

Cross Country

The SSU men's and women's cross country teams finished 10th in the NCAA Division III South regional meet on Saturday. (See Gull Takes page 18)

Swimming

The women's swim team beat Gallaudet University 112-73 on Saturday at home. The Sea Gulls took first and second in eight different events. (Story this page)

The first quarter of the game was a display of both teams fumbling the ball. William Paterson's offense was able to move the ball into Gull territory on its first possession. Just as the Pioneers were establishing their offensive drive, SSU's junior defensive end Mike Francingues stopped the drive with a fumble recovery.

The Gulls were able to put together two strong offensive drives and move the ball into Pioneer territory. Both offensive drives ended with the Gulls fumbling the ball inside the five-yard line and the Pioneer defense recovering each time. "I think in the first half we wanted to win so bad that our team made some mistakes that hurt us," said Rotellini.

The first score of the game came in the second quarter at the 10:28 mark. Senior running back MacArthur James scored on a six-yard run to give the Gulls a 7-0 lead.

With the game clock at 6:44, Pioneer junior quarterback Terrel

McDaniel connected with sophomore wide receiver on a 31-yard touchdown pass. The Pioneer score tied the game at seven as they went into halftime.

The Gulls opened the second half with the ball. Their offensive drive was stopped short by a fumble from

Late in the third quarter McDaniel dropped back to pass for the Pioneers but instead he ran up field for a gain of two yards. He was tackled to the ground and didn't get up right away. Immediately, he was attended to by both team's athletic training crews for over 20 minutes. McDaniel apparently suffered a neck injury. McDaniel's condition wasn't available at press time.

As the fourth quarter began the Gulls were able to cut the William Paterson lead to four points with a 25-yard field goal from freshman kicker Ryan Pusey.

The Gulls defense stepped up their pressure and shut down the Pioneer offense. Freshman defensive back Robert Howes made a great defensive grab to record the first of his two interceptions of the quarter. Howes returned the interception 50 yards to the one yard line of the Pioneers.

Two plays later, freshman quarterback Matt Main scored on a 1-yard run to give the Sea Gulls a 16-14 lead over the Pioneers. Pusey's extra point attempt was blocked.

William Paterson's very next offensive drive was ruined again by Howes as he recorded his second interception. "The second interception was icing on the cake. Our defense just played real hard all game," said Howes.

The victory improved the Gulls season record to 3-6 for the season. The loss kept William Paterson winless for the season, 0-10.



Freshman quarterback Matt Main calls out the play at the line of scrimmage.

The Flyer/Carl Cooksey

James. Pioneer senior linebacker Andres Ramirez recovered the fumble for William Paterson on Salisbury's 38-yard line giving the Pioneers excellent field position.

Senior half back David Dupiche put the Pioneers ahead on his 20-yard touchdown run. The 14-7 lead was William Paterson's first of the game.

Two pool records broken in Bison rout

Brian Burden
Flyer Sports Writer

The SSU women's swim team used their home meet versus the Gallaudet University Bison as a chance to experiment. The women swam events other than their usual roles and were easily able to coast to a 112-73 victory.

Freshmen Alison Calcaterra and Rebecca Mitchell, along with sophomore Teresa Piekarski, led the way with two event victories apiece. Mitchell won the 100 meter backstroke and set a pool record in the 200 meter freestyle with a time of 2:13.44. Calcaterra won the 200 meter individual medley and set a pool record in the 400 meter freestyle with a time of 4:44.86. Piekarski's victories

were in the 100 meter breaststroke and the 200 meter individual relay.

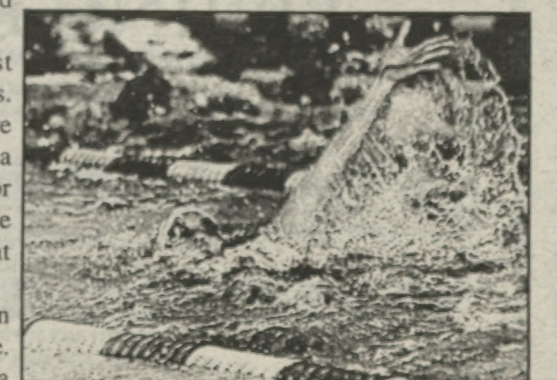
"We've been breaking records all season long and the girls were able to continue that today even though they were swimming off events. From here on in, it's no nonsense," said SSU head coach Jill Stephenson.

The Sea Gulls took first and second in eight different events. The meet was all locked up before the second intermission and the Sea Gulls didn't get any point credit for any of the last three events. The team's depth is an advantage that they have not enjoyed in the past.

"We have more women and faster women than ever before. It's a great relief when we have a swimmer in each event that has a

solid chance of winning time in and time out," Stephenson said.

The victory improved the Gulls record to 1-1 in the CAC and 1-2 overall. The next meet for both teams is Wednesday at Washington College.



A Sea Gull swimmer participates in the backstroke.

The Flyer/Carl Cooksey

Gulls seek wins amidst changing environment

Paul Krome
Flyer Sports Writer

The SSU football program has undergone a metamorphosis of sorts over the last 10 years. Once a regional power and national contender, the Sea Gulls have fallen from the national championship runners-up in 1986 to a team that has had five seven-loss seasons since 1989.

Swept up in University changes that have increasingly emphasized academics, the program has had to cope with numerous off-the-field issues that it did not have to contend with during the 1980s, when the Gulls qualified for the NCAA Tournament three times in four years.

Joe Rotellini, an assistant coach during SSU's playoff years of 1985 and '86, was hired as head coach in 1990. While he and his staff continue to struggle with the impact SSU's academic emphasis has had on recruiting, Rotellini did guide the Gulls to a 7-3 record in 1995 and their first playoff appearance since playing for the national championship in the '86 Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl.

In the final installment of a three-part series, *The Flyer* looks at other off-the-field issues that have affected the program in the 1990s, and whether or not the Sea Gulls can consistently overcome those issues in their quest to recapture their status as one of the top programs in the region.

Scheduling

Being an independent since the program's inception in 1972, and with other in-state teams unwilling to play SSU, Rotellini has always struggled to fill the slate. Only once in the last 10 years has SSU had a complete 10-game regular season schedule. In '95 and '96, the Gulls had to play Sue Bennett College, a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics school in Kentucky, just to have a ninth game.

"Scheduling is unbelievably

hard," said Rotellini, noting that SSU applied for membership in the New Jersey Athletic Conference and New England's Freedom Conference but was denied in both cases. "So many Division III schools are private and locked into conference schedules. They fill their few open slots with rivals. We could go to Sue Bennett or up to Buffalo [State College] every year for a 10th game, but it wouldn't be fair to our kids to pull them out of class like that."

He also indicated that a number of schools were originally slated for home games in 1997, including Catholic University and Central Connecticut State

three times this decade have crowds at Sea Gull Stadium exceeded 2,000, a feat once accomplished with routine. Offensive coordinator Robb Disbennett, who quarterbacked the Gulls from 1982-85, noted that the average crowd during his career was comparable to this year's homecoming throng of 2,113.

Ralph Murray, a long-time SSU football fan and member of the Sea Gull Club's executive board, attributes some of that decline to the fact that Salisbury has become a more active community. "There are a lot more things going on now. Some of our fans are the kind of people who have booths set up at the

property, and the tradition is rarely practiced before SSU home games.

Bands have also become commonplace at football games at all levels. According to Richard Johnson, chair of the music department, SSU does not have any kind of pep or marching band because "there is no University funding available for this kind of an institutional advancement endeavor and student interest is inadequate to support such an organization." Johnson, who arrived at SSU in 1988, pointed out that a 15-person band, composed of both students and faculty, did play at home games in his first year. He indicated that student involvement in the program decreased the following year, which led to its demise after the 1989 season.

Occasionally, a local high school band such as Crisfield's, which entertained fans at the Sept. 27 homecoming game against Frostburg State, will play at home games, but it lacks the pride and authenticity that would accompany an SSU band wearing the maroon and gold. Michael Vienna, director of athletics, indicated he approached the music department several years ago about the creation of a band, but was told a lack of funding prohibited its formation. Johnson said he was unopposed to restoring a band organization, but that increased student interest and University funding would be essential to its success. If a band were recreated, an original fight song, one unique and special to SSU and its students, could follow.

The restoration of these basic college football traditions would likely help create a more festive atmosphere at Sea Gull Stadium, bringing the event status that surrounded SSU football games in the '80s back to campus.

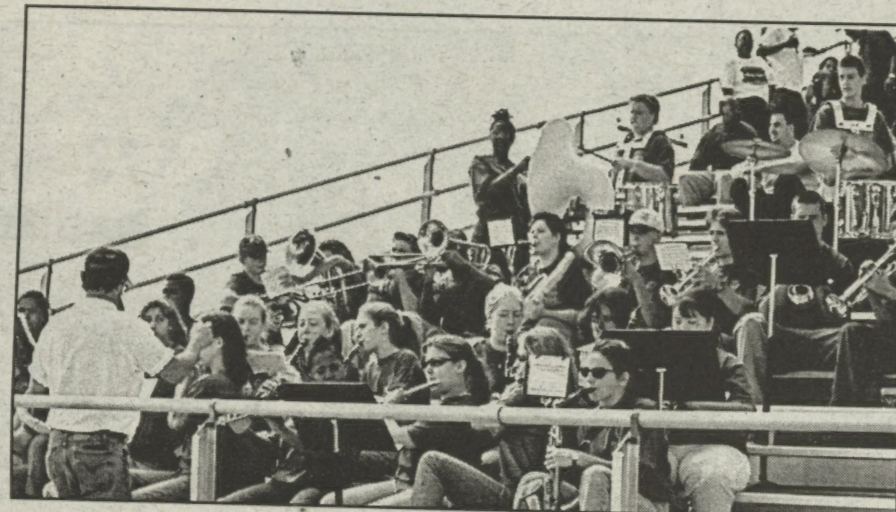
Looking Ahead

The history, coaching changes, increased academic standards, scheduling difficulties and environment surrounding the program have all helped shape SSU football in the '90s. So has the Gulls' performance on the field. SSU finished its 26th season with a 3-6 record, its second straight losing season and eighth in the last nine years. On the other hand, the Sea Gulls were two field goals away from finishing 5-4.

Widely acknowledged as a young team, SSU returned just one offensive and one defensive starter from last year's season finale at Sue Bennett. Some 26 veterans with remaining eligibility who either started or saw significant playing time in 1996 did not return.

Such a high turnover rate cannot help a program trying to regain its status as a regional power. But Rotellini is not alone in remaining optimistic, and he has cause to be

see FOOTBALL, page 18



Crisfield High School pep band performed at the homecoming football game this year.

University but backed out at the last minute. Catholic, an area rival in Washington, D.C., and the only other Capital Athletic Conference school to sponsor varsity football, dropped SSU from its schedule after the teams had met every year since 1994. The three home games this season marked the fewest since the program began varsity competition in 1973.

Game Day Atmosphere

If the Sea Gulls are to return to the top, they will do so in a different environment than that which surrounded the team 10 years ago. Football is no longer the delight of the student body, as evidenced by declining attendance. Only

local festivals," he said. "Whereas 10 years ago there might have been only one Saturday festival, now there might be three or four of those festivals and other community events like charity walks."

Fans want to see their team when it's winning, and that notion was certainly supported by SSU's homecoming battle with Catholic in 1995, when the Gulls brought a 5-2 record into the game and drew a near-capacity crowd of 2,443. SSU improved to 6-2 with the win, yet the following week only 789 came out for the regular season finale, and a week later only 816 turned up for the school's first playoff game since 1986. That kind of fluctuation does not conform to the theory that winning automatically wins over the hearts of fans. "I think a lot of people just expect us to lose and don't come out," said Ken Schuckle, a sophomore offensive lineman.

Poor attendance and the absence of many football traditions contribute to a game day atmosphere at Sea Gull Stadium that does not measure up to traditional college football standards.

Tailgating, the ritual of arriving at the stadium hours before kickoff to enjoy food and beverages with friends, is allowed at SSU. But the consumption of alcohol is prohibited at athletic events on campus

Messiah shatters SSU's hopes for a title

Brian Ansel
Flyer Sports Writer

The chance to play in the NCAA Final Four came to an end for the SSU field hockey team last Monday, November 10. The Sea Gulls' dreams were cut short with a 1-0 loss at home to Messiah College in the NCAA Division III South Regional championship.

"It's a shame that our seniors did not get the chance to play in the NCAA Final Four. They did everything in their power to try and reach their goal," said SSU head coach Dawn Chamberlin.

The contest remained scoreless throughout the entire first half and for most of the second half. With the game clock expired, the game-winning goal was shot by Messiah senior midfielder Kim Weaver. The shot, which was deflected off a defender's stick, sailed

high over the head and out of reach from SSU senior goalie Kristin Archer. The winning goal came off of a penalty corner after time had expired from a previous penalty corner. (A field hockey game can not end on a penalty.)

"There was no way she [Archer] could have stopped that shot,"

said Chamberlin.

Messiah got revenge from their 1-0 loss from Salisbury back on September 13. That game was won also with a penalty stroke. "We felt that we had improved very well throughout the season since our last meeting with Salisbury," said Messiah head coach Jan Trapp.

The heartbreaking goal from Weaver was her first of the season for the lone senior on the Messiah squad. "I was not actually expecting to shoot the ball. I was expecting to pass the ball, but the shot was open and I had to take it," said Weaver.

The loss ended the Sea Gulls' 13-game winning streak and closed their season with a 17-4 record. SSU was the nation's top-ranked Division III team at the end of the season.

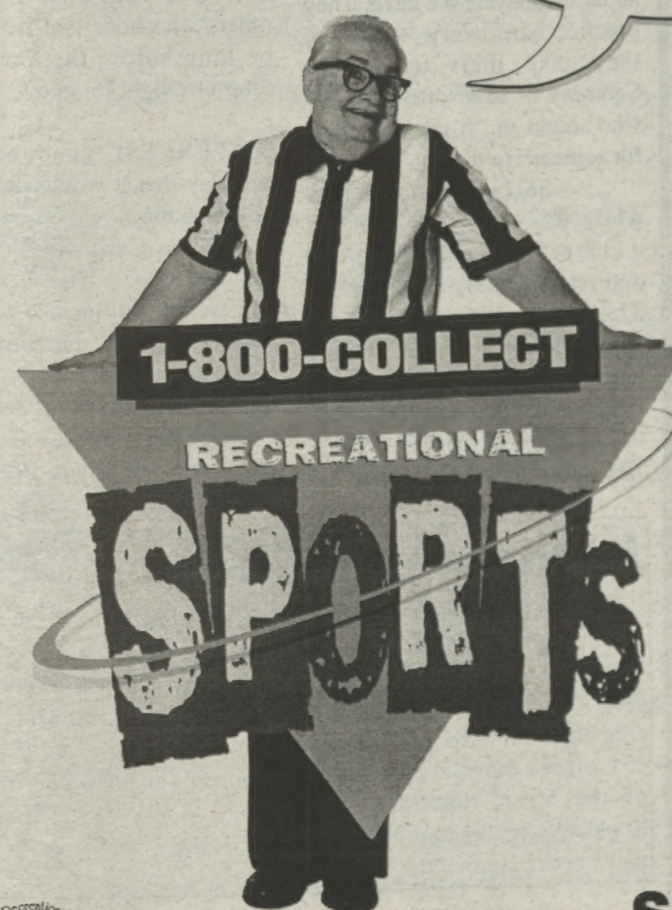
"We had a great season. There is not much more I can say about that. Our team played well. I do not think I will see too many more teams like this one again," said Chamberlin.



Messiah celebrates their victory as Abby Martzall (far left), Karen LaPolla and Mindy Fennemore are shocked that their season is over with out a national championship.

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Gull Takes

• Cross Country

Sea Gulls place 10th in South regional SEWANNE, Tenn. — The SSU women's and men's cross country teams finished 10th respectively in the NCAA Division III South regional meet on Saturday.

SSU's sophomore Kerri Bowers missed qualifying on the individual level by one place. She finished 10th with a time of 19:38 in the women's 5K race. (Individuals can qualify by placing in the top four or racers not on the winning team.)

Junior Caroline Rolker and junior Jen Tessier round out the Sea Gulls' top three women finishers by placing 53rd and 54th with times of 21:20 and 21:23.

For the men sophomore Max Snavlin placed 22nd as the top finisher for the Gulls in the men's 8K race with a time of 27:41. Larry O'Hara a freshman

was close behind in 24th place with a time of 27:45.

The winning teams at the meet, Frostburg State for the men and Emory University for the women, go on to compete for the NCAA national championship this week. Both races featured 23 teams.

Bowers, Snavlin and O'Hara earned all-region honors by finishing in the top-25.

• Field Hockey

All-CAC field hockey team dominated by Gulls

Salisbury — The SSU field hockey placed five players on the all-Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) first team.

Seniors Laura Getty, Kristin Archer, Kristin Heath, Karen LaPolla and junior Megan Hopper were selected by the conference coaches for the first team honors. Senior Becky Tregoning and sophomore Beth Getty were named to the second team.

Among individual awards Archer was named Goalkeeper of the

Year for the second straight year. She recorded 14 shutouts and had a .926 save percentage.

Laura Getty claimed Player of the Year honors as she led the team in assists with 11 and had 13 goals for a total of 37 points.

For the third straight year the Coach of the Year award went to SSU's own Dawn Chamberlin. Chamberlin led the Gulls through a perfect CAC season going undefeated and capturing the CAC championship for the third consecutive year. Chamberlin guided the Sea Gulls into the NCAA tournament for the 13th time in 14 years.

• Women's Soccer

SSU places six on all-CAC women's soccer team

Salisbury — Six members of the SSU women's soccer team earned a spot on the all-Capital Athletic Conference first and second teams.

Senior Nicole Urban-Ingle was named to the first team for the third straight year as she help guide the Sea

Gulls to 12 shutouts this season. Sophomore Dana Earl was the other Sea Gull earning first team honors. Earl finished third on the team in scoring with four goals and five assists.

Senior Danielle Urban and sister Courtney Urban a sophomore are two of the four Sea Gulls on the second team. Danielle leaves SSU as the all-time leading scorer with 41 career goals, 19 assists and 101 total points. Courtney led the Gulls in scoring this year with 13 goals, 5 assists and 31 points.

Rounding out the second team are sophomore back Jennifer Mazzola as she joined Urban-Ingle as one of the team's key defenders this season. Freshman goalie Amy Forbes recorded 10 shutouts and posted a 0.80 goals against average with a .854 save percentage.

In only its fourth season of varsity competition the Sea Gulls finished 15-3-2 overall and 4-1-1 in the CAC. They advanced to the CAC championship for the fourth straight year.

SSU strives for success in different football atmosphere

FOOTBALL, from page 16 considering that a year ago SSU was only six points away from a 6-3 record. "This program is on the right track. We are so close to being over the top for good," he said. "We feel very good about the players we have. They practice hard every week, and they take their test every Saturday in front of everybody who shows up. It takes courage for someone to do that."

SSU is at the point now where it is consistently fielding a competitive team. The one and two-win seasons are gone. The Sea Gulls' 1995 season proved they can be a playoff team while overcoming off-the-field issues that have affected the program in the last decade. The challenge now is to keep the

memories of 1995 fresh in the minds of all those involved in the program.

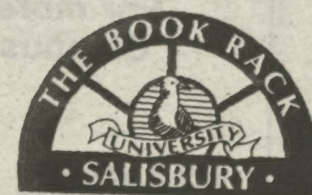
Murray, who has seen the best and worst of SSU football, said, "We can do well. We saw that a couple years ago." The 1964 alum is among others who hope that it will not be long before the Sea Gulls return to flight for good.

NOTES: SSU announced on Monday that it would become a charter member of the new Atlantic Central Football Conference. The six-team conference will include Chowan (N.C.) College, Ferrum (Va.) College, Frostburg State University, Methodist (N.C.) College and Wesley College, and will begin play in 1998.

In the next edition

*The Flyer Sports staff will unveil their 1997 Fall season Most Valuable Players for each fall team. We will also announce our SSU Fall Player of the Year, the SSU Fall Coach of the Year, the SSU Fall Rookie of the Year and the SSU Fall Unsung Hero of the Year.

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Seniors shine one last time in the final game of the year

Aaron Skolnik

Flyer Sports Writer

In their final appearance before the home crowd at Sea Gull Stadium on Saturday, the seniors on the SSU football team turned in an excellent performance leading the Gulls to a 16-14 victory over William Paterson. The story of the game, however, was the vast amount of mistakes made by both teams throughout the contest.

What do you mean, mistakes?

Simply put, both teams had many opportunities to put the game out of reach but the Sea Gulls came out on top because they took advantage of mistakes made by the Pioneers. The Gulls squandered two early chances, starting two drives with excellent field position only to fumble the ball inside the 10-yard line.

The first of these two drives began with 5:52 remaining in the first quarter on the Pioneers' 49. On the fourth play of the drive, quarterback Matt Main's 28-yard pass to tight end

Rob Evans and a penalty on the Pioneers gave the Gulls a first down on the William Paterson 5-yard line. SSU fumbled the ball on the next play, ending the drive. With 2:05 left in the first quarter, junior Brian Doyle returned a Pioneer punt to the William Paterson 21. Once again, after a short drive, the Sea Gulls gave up the football on third down from the 6-yard line. "We wanted to win this game for the seniors and we just got a little excited driving down the field. Our emotions went a little too far and we weren't concentrating as much as we wanted to," Main said.

The lack of scoring was not the Gulls' only problem as the Pioneers took advantage of the mistakes. With the score tied at seven, SSU once again coughed up the ball on the second play of the second half. It took William Paterson only three plays to gain 38 yards and take the lead on a 20-yard touchdown run by David Dupiche. "We had great field position the entire first half. We just stopped ourselves by turning the ball over," said SSU head coach Joe Rotellini.

Wait a minute, I thought both teams made mistakes...

As the game progressed, the Pioneers became mistake-prone as well. With only seven minutes to play, William Paterson led 14-10 and controlled the ball at their own 46, driving toward victory when freshman Robert Howes intercepted a pass from backup quarterback Tony Williams. Howes streaked down the sideline and was stopped just short of the end zone, inside the 1-yard line. Main plunged in on the second play giving the Gulls the lead for good, 16-14.

Another Pioneer miscue sealed the SSU win on the next drive. Howes came up with another interception at midfield, ending William Paterson's chances for victory.

How about the seniors? How did they feel about the win?

Mac James, the Gulls' leading rusher, gained 77 yards on 22 carries and scored SSU's first touchdown of the game from six yards out. "It feels great to come home with a victory. I'm going to miss everything. I love SSU football.

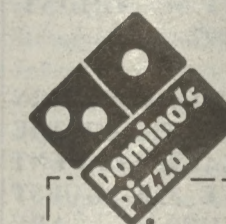
I wouldn't pass it up for anything," James said.

Safety Travis Royall led a tough SSU defense with four tackles and an interception. "It was a great way to send the seniors out," Royall said of the victory. "I love these guys. I learned a lot from the coaches and the players. Going into the working world with the team mentality will help a lot," Royall added.

Defensive tackle Mike Brouters lead all defenders with nine tackles. Receiver Boli Kabwasa sparked the Sea Gull offense with three receptions for 38 yards.

"I couldn't ask for anything more. We have great coaches. I think the world of Coach Rotellini and Coach Disbennett for giving me a chance. A lot of coaches said I was too small to play but they believed in me," commented the 5 foot 4 inch James.

"I was very glad our seniors went out on a winning note. We're going to miss them all," Rotellini said.



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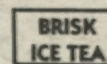
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Alpha Sigma Tau ΑΣΤ

Congratulations to AST's new president, Lori DeStwolinski, we are very proud of you, and also to everyone else with new executive offices. We would like everyone to know that we are celebrating our Local Founders Day on November 18. Hope everyone had a wonderful time at banquet, you all looked great! Also congratulations to Joanna Culp, the winner of the Greek Council raffle contest.

Delta Gamma ΔΓ

Delta Gamma would like to say thanks to TKE for the sister appreciation party. Greek night at Crossroads was also a success; it was nice to see all of the

organizations come together and have a good time. We would like to thank everyone who supported the Greek organizations and bought a ticket for the cow contest; congratulations to the lucky winner. Last but not least, congratulations to ΔΓ sister of the week, Allison Tighe.

Phi Mu ΦΜ

Hey everyone! Hope you all had as good a time as we did Greek night at the Crossroads. Inspiration Week is upon us. Thanks to Tammy, Amy T. and the Phi committee for all your planning. This, the big event is coming up...keep up the hard work and spirit. Until next week and beyond, enjoy life and don't sweat the small stuff.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon ΣΑΕ

I hope that everyone enjoyed themselves at the 20th Anniversary banquet in Ocean City. Thank you Dan and Mac for a wonderful banquet. Thanks to Bruno for a great day of paint ball last weekend. Hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Hey Try, how's life at Tommy? Hope everyone enjoys the break for Thanksgiving. Have a good week. Later.

Tau Kappa Epsilon ΤΚΕ

Hello yet again from the brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon. All are convinced that Porter does know it all. Congrats to the TKE of the week, Tick. Thanks for the

returns, Gatti. Here is your ink, Potsy. If I could I would but I don't know how. Kent, you rock. Point Joker. Most superb job, Knicks. We knew you had it in you. Until our next column...

Zeta Tau Alpha ΖΤΑ

The Mr. Zeta Pageant is this Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Caruthers Hall Auditorium. See a sister for a ticket or buy one at the door (\$1 with a canned food, \$2 without). The ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha are getting ready to head down to O.C. for an outstanding formal. Happy Birthday to Kenna and Jamie. Congratulations to the new E.C.

DECEMBER 1997 COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION (Please read carefully!)

GENERAL INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS

1. Commencement will be held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, December 21, 1997 in the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center. **ADMISSION WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY. All graduates are requested to form for processional at 2:00 p.m.** in the side corridors adjacent to the main arena on the first floor of the Civic Center (see #13-16 for location).

2. The commencement speaker will be The Honorable J. Lowell Stolz, Senator for the 38th Legislative District,

Senate of Maryland.

3. **Physically Disabled Guests** - Accessible seating is provided on the main floor of the arena. Ask an usher for the location as you enter the Civic Center.

4. **Hearing Impaired Guests** - Signers are present for the entire graduation ceremony. Seating for an optimum view of the individual(s) signing is in the first level of the grandstands close to and on either side of the stage. Seating is not reserved, therefore, early arrival is suggested. Ask an usher for the location as you enter the Civic Center.

5. The First Aid staff of the Civic Center will be on duty in the office on

the right side of the foyer entrance just outside the main arena.

6. Caps, gowns, master's hoods and announcements (quantities are limited) will be distributed at the Graduation Center in THE BOOK RACK until 2:00 p.m. on December 19, 1997. Graduation items may be retained by the graduates and need not be returned following the ceremony. Problems with caps and gowns can be corrected at THE BOOK RACK or prior to the ceremony by the bookstore employees at the Civic Center, in Flanders Room #1 near the snack bar to the left of the arena entrances. Bookstore hours Monday through Thursday are 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Bookstore hours on Friday are 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **GRADUATES MUST**

PICK UP THE NECESSARY ITEMS BEFORE 2:00 P.M. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1997.

***TICKETS FOR GRADUATION WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE BOOK RACK. EACH STUDENT WILL RECEIVE 10 GUEST TICKETS. GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE SEATED BY 2:45 P.M.

Students should not bring personal property such as coats, cameras, purses, backpacks, etc. to graduation. If necessary, the above items can be left in Flanders Room #1. This room will be locked during the graduation ceremony. It will be unlocked when the ceremony is over and students may pick up their possessions at that time. SSU will not be responsible for these items; students are therefore encouraged to leave valuables with family or friends.

7. Students will first be awarded degrees by school (e.g., School of Liberal Arts), and will be asked, by President Merwin, to stand and remain standing until all degrees have been awarded for that school. President Merwin will then signal undergraduates to move the tassel from the right side to the left side of the mortarboard, and then to be seated.

8. Then students will individually be awarded their diploma. The faculty marshals will have given each graduate a card containing his/her name and the School, (e.g. Perdue School of Business). The card then is to be handed to the person at the podium when the graduate reaches the stage, and at the

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American Marketing Association

The American Marketing Association is collecting canned food items to give to a local Salisbury shelter this Thanksgiving. If anyone is interested in donating food, please drop it off at Dr. Alreck's office, Holloway Hall Room 104. We are also planning on collecting toys for children this Christmas. For more information, please contact Pam Astoreca at (410) 546-4205.

America Reads Challenge

The Financial Aid Office seeks qualified student employees to provide educational and enrichment services to improve the reading skills of young children. The position requires enthusiastic and dedicated individuals who enjoy working with children. Students will be employed through the America Reads Challenge. Requirements: 1) You must demonstrate financial need, as determined by the federal government, from the results of FAFSA. 2) You must have a genuine interest in the welfare of young children. 3) You must be reliable and dependable. 4) You must be willing to follow the guidelines of the agency. 5) You must complete any required (paid) training. 6) You must have transportation to and from the assigned agency. 7) You must be enrolled in a degree program and be full time at SSU. If you are interested, please send a letter of interest to the Financial Aid Office.

Attention December Graduating Loan Borrowers

According to federal regulations, all graduating students borrowing under the Federal Stafford/SLS loan program and/or the William D. Ford Federal Direct loan program are required to attend an exit interview with financial aid personnel. It is MANDATORY that you attend on Dec. 2 or 3 in the Nanticoke Rooms of the University Center at 4:00 p.m. Sessions will last approximately 30 minutes. Even if you are on an internship, working, student teaching, sports teams, etc. you must make arrangements to attend. Please be aware that you are required, by law, to attend an exit interview! If you choose not to attend, your academic records will not be released.

Education Club

Do you want to make a difference? Join the Education Club! We will be meeting on Thursday, November 20 at 3:30 p.m. in Caruthers Hall Room 203. We will be ordering our new t-shirts. If you are going to buy a shirt, please bring your checkbook. Payment is due at the time you order. The club photo will be taken at the meeting. We hope to see you there. Don't forget to bring your smile!

Environmental Health Club

Officer nominations will be held Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. Nominations can be given until December 2, when we will have elections. If you feel you could contribute to the club, please feel free to nominate yourself. Many of the club members will be graduating in May, and we need NEW members. Please, if you are an environmental health major or are interested in environmental health, come to our meetings on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

ESOL Tutoring

The English Department is extremely pleased to announce that we are now able to offer ESOL tutoring to all of SSU's international students. The ESOL Tutoring Center is located in the Learning Center in Mags Gym Annex 1, behind the old ROTC building. Tutoring is available Monday and Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Any international student needing help understanding the language of his or her course work or needing assistance with writing issues can send an e-mail to Shirley Frisbee, tutor and TESOL graduate student, at smf6286@students.ssu.edu to request an appointment. We hope that the ESOL Tutoring Center will be a successful new addition to the university and that faculty and staff will encourage their international students to utilize the center.

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French Club

The purpose of the French Club is to improve the understanding and appreciation of the French language, culture and customs at Salisbury State University. We meet regularly to speak French and have a variety of other activities throughout the semester. Membership is open to any SSU student having some knowledge or interest in French. For more information contact Geoff Bitner at grb530 or see our web page at <http://students.ssu.edu/~grb5306/club.htm>.

History Club

The History Club will be holding its next meeting on Wednesday, November 19 at 8:00 p.m. in Crossroads Pub. The History Club is a social organization open to all SSU students. Topics discussed will be next semester's trip, community outreach and t-shirts. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Library Hours for Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 26: 7:45 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Thursday - Saturday, November 27 - 29: CLOSED; Sunday, November 30: 6:00 p.m. - midnight.

Outdoor Club

Again this winter term, the SSU Outdoor Club travels to Shawbridge in Quebec, Canada, from January 11 - 23 for cross-country and downhill skiing. Some prior experience for downhill is recommended but is not necessary for cross-country. Lessons for both are available. The trip includes a three-day side trip to the old city of Quebec with ample opportunity for both sightseeing and skiing. Cost including lodging, transportation and food while in Canada is \$280-\$290. This

figure does not include rentals for downhill or cross-country skis or lift tickets. If interested, come to the meeting on Monday, November 24 at 9:00 p.m. in Nanticoke Room A or contact Keri Lawlor at 546-4072 for more information.

Religious Society of Friends

The Religious Society of Friends (the Quakers) meets weekly on Sundays at its house on the corner of Glen and Carey Avenues in Salisbury. Adult and children First Day School is at 10:00 a.m. The meeting for worship follows at 11:00 a.m. All members of the university community are invited to attend. For more information on Friends meeting and activities call 410-749-9649.

Sugar Shack

The Sugar Shack, located in the Guerrieri University Center at SSU, features pastries, Danishes, doughnuts, bagels, brownies, specialty cakes, pies, breads and an assortment of holiday cupcakes, cookies and candy. Patrons from both on and off campus are welcome. In addition to baked goods, the Sugar Shack offers 50 varieties of bulk candy, yogurt with eight different toppings and a wide range of specialty salads and wraps. For special holiday orders, call the Sugar Shack hours in advance. Sugar Shack hours are Mondays - Thursdays, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Fridays, 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call 410-548-5833 for more information.

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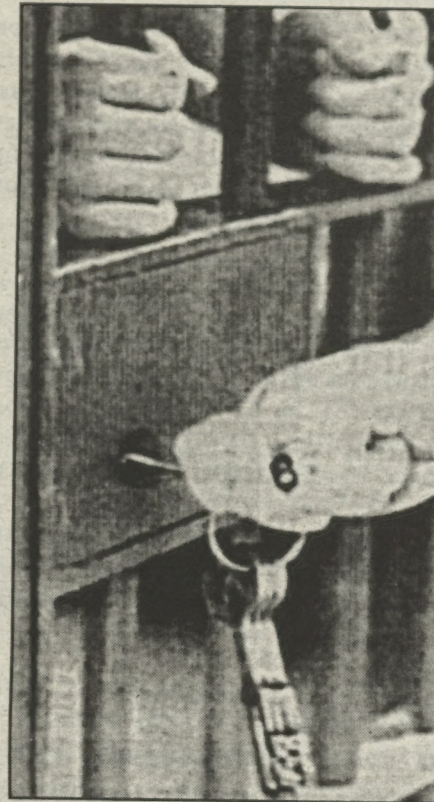
The world's oldest and foremost boys' choir, The Thomanerchor of Leipzig, Germany, under the direction of Maestro George Christopher Biller, will perform Saturday, February 7, 1998 at 4:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, at Fourth St. and Michigan Ave. NE, in Washington, D.C. The concert will feature works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, Siegfried Thiele and Volker Brautigam. For more information contact Diane Sare at 202-544-8704.

CRIME BEAT

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Jim Phillips
Office of Public Safety

10/9 - 10/16 Theft - A video camera was reported missing from Maggs Gym.

10/12 - 11/12 Vandalism - The door on a metal storage cabinet was reported damaged in the basement of Holloway Hall.

10/27 - 11/7 Theft - A resident of St. Martin Hall reported the theft of a cell phone from a room in St. Martin Hall.

10/30 Vandalism - An employee reported that a vehicle was damaged while parked behind Holloway Hall. The driver's side window and a tailgate hinge were broken.

11/2 - 11/3 Theft - Tools were reported stolen from a room in the basement of Holloway Hall.

11/7 Attempted Theft - A juvenile attempted to steal a Cushman vehicle from the area of the Physical Plant. A witness called University Police with a description of the subject. An officer apprehended the suspect behind

Maggs Gym. The suspect was turned over to a parent. The incident will be adjudicated by Juvenile Justice Services.

11/7 Telephone Misuse - A 911 call was placed from a phone on campus.

11/7 - 11/9 Theft - A space heater was reported stolen from an office in Maggs Gym.

11/8 - 11/9 Theft - A resident of Choptank Hall reported the theft of a bike from Choptank.

11/9 Vandalism - A vending machine was found damaged in Caruthers Hall.

11/9 Marijuana Violation - An officer responded to a call of the odor of burning marijuana in Chesapeake Hall. A student's room on the second floor was identified as the source of the odor. Administrative action is pending.

11/10 Theft (off campus) - A resident of Wicomico Hall reported the theft of numerous CDs and a carrying case from a vehicle that was parked on Dogwood Drive. The Wicomico County Sheriff's Office is investigating the incident.

11/10 Theft - A resident of St. Martin Hall reported that a book bag and contents were stolen from the Commons. The property was left lying on the floor by the first floor lockers. Later that day, the book bag was found in the Dogwood lot, a textbook was missing.

11/10 Theft - A student reported the theft of a wallet and contents from an unlocked locker in Maggs Gym.

11/10 Theft - A video camera and tripod were reported stolen from a classroom in Fulton Hall.

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same time, the graduate is to announce his/her name to the person at the podium who will then know who the person is and how to pronounce the name correctly. **THE NAME ON THE CARD MUST NOT BE CHANGED FOR ANY REASON.**

9. DURING THE RECESSIONAL, GRADUATES AND FACULTY ARE TO RETURN TO THE AREA WHERE THEY ASSEMBLED PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY. They should not stop or congregate in the lobby.

10. A brief reception for graduates and their guests will be held immediately following commencement in the Midway Room of the Civic Center. The reception is being sponsored by the Salisbury State University Alumni Association, and at the conclusion of the ceremony you will be official alumni of Salisbury State University.

11. Degree candidates who do not plan to participate in the commencement exercises **MUST** notify the Registrar's Office by calling 543-6150 no later than Friday, December 12, 1997. All graduates will receive a blank folder at commencement, and all diplomas will be mailed approximately six weeks after the ceremony. It should be noted

that the recognition of graduates and those who will achieve Honors is tentative pending certification of all graduation requirements.

12. Faculty and staff should enter through the Midway Room entrance and line up for the processional at 2:15 p.m. in the Midway Room of the Civic Center. Faculty members are required to attend; those who are unable to do so should inform their respective School Dean.

13. **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE** candidates with last names beginning with the letter A through the letter K will report to **DRS. ED SENKBEIL AND LISA SELDOMRIDGE**. When you enter the main entrance of the Civic Center, go to the left corridor at the rear and line up alphabetically along the inside wall, facing East (the rear of the building). You will sit in Section 3 on the seating chart. After you have walked across the stage, you are to return to your seats via the side aisle.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE candidates with last names beginning with the letter L through the letter Z will report to **DRS. BEN GREENE AND GEORGE RUBENSON**. When you enter the main entrance of the Civic Center, go to the left corridor and line up alphabetically along the inside wall, facing East (the rear of the building). You will sit in Section 3 on the seating chart. After you have walked across the stage, you are to return to your seats via the side aisle. see GRADUATION, page 23

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up alphabetically along the windows facing West (the front of the building). You will sit in Section 5 on the seating chart. After you have walked across the stage, you are to return to your seats via the side aisle.

14. **BACHELOR OF ARTS** candidates will assemble in the South corridor of the Civic Center (to the right after you enter the front doors, on the side nearest the park). Candidates with last names beginning with the letter A through L will report to **DRS. HOMER AUSTIN AND AUGUSTINE DIGIOVANNA** at the rear of the corridor and will line up alphabetically facing East (the rear of the building). You will sit in Section 4 on the seating chart. After you have walked across the stage, you are to return to your seats via the center aisle and fill in the rows starting from the side aisle.

BACHELOR OF ARTS candidates with last names beginning with the letter M through Z will also go to the right after you enter the front doors of the Civic Center, but will go to the cross corridor (leading to the Midway Room) and report to **DRS. GERALD ST. MARTIN AND CAROLYN BOWDEN**. You will line up alphabetically in that corridor against the wall nearest the rear of the building. You will sit in Section 6 on the seating chart. After you have walked across the stage, you are to return to your seats via the center aisle and fill in the section starting from the side aisle.

15. **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK (B.A.S.W.)** candidates will also go to the right after you enter the front doors of the Civic Center. You will proceed to the cross corridor (leading to the Midway Room) and report to **DR. GERALD ST. MARTIN**. You will line up alphabetically in that corridor against the wall nearest the front of the building. You will sit in Section 6 on the seating chart. After you have walked across the stage, you are to return to your seats via the center aisle and fill in the rows starting from the side aisle.

16. **ALL MASTER'S DEGREE** candidates (M.A., M.S., M.B.A. and M. Ed.) will enter the Civic Center at the Midway Room front entrance (closest to the park) and report to a faculty marshal in that corridor.

M.A., M.S. and M.B.A. candidates will report to **DR. STEVE GEHRICH**. You will line up according to his direction, alphabetically by degree, and will sit in Section 7 on the seating chart. After you have walked across the stage, you are to return to your seats via the center aisle and fill in the rows starting from the side aisle.

M.A.T. and M.Ed. candidates will report to **DR. JACK WULFF** and line up alphabetically at his direction. You will also sit in Section 7 on the seating chart. After you have walked across the stage, you are to return to your seats via the center aisle and fill in the rows starting from the side aisle.

17. DRESS CODE

This is a formal academic occasion and should be viewed as such in dress and demeanor. The academic robe is black and the recommended dress, therefore, is: Dress clothing, preferably black or navy, black dress shoes (or some other dark color). The gown should be mid-calf. If a dress is worn, the gown should cover the length of the dress. No visible jewelry. Fraternity or sorority pins/ribbons may be worn; these are academic emblems and are not considered jewelry as such. Kente cloths are permissible as well. No flowers on the academic robe, and no flowers are to be carried.

The mortarboard (academic hat) is to be worn with the front point over the forehead below the front hairline, and so the flat board is parallel to the floor. (It should not be worn on the back of the head with the board pointing upward.) **NO DECORATION OF ANY KIND IS TO BE PLACED ON THE MORTARBOARD.**

Honors students will have a gold and white hood. It is to be worn with the gold side out and the white inner lining turned out at the top, over the gold (like a collar). Gold cords would be worn under the honors hood.

Candidates for the bachelor's degree should come into the auditorium with the tassel on the right, hanging near the eye. After the degrees are conferred, the tassel is shifted to the left side. The signal for shifting the tassel will be

given by the President (and/or your faculty marshal).

Candidates for the master's degree will wear the robe but will carry the hood over the left arm until they reach the stage, where it will be placed on the candidate who should face the audience and bend down a little. Faculty marshals will give you more specific information.

Graduates will receive graduation picture information from Chappell Studio, Inc. This information will arrive at your permanent address in the near future.

Candidates should not chew gum or tobacco.

Graduation Decorum: Graduation ceremonies are, by their very nature, festive occasions. The festivity manifests itself in many ways including the dress of the students and faculty adorned in academic regalia and the warmth, joy and satisfaction of accomplishment. The ceremonies are also marked by seriousness where the actual conferring of degrees signifies long hard work on the part of everyone involved: students, faculty, administrators, parents and spouses. As a consequence of the serious nature of the ceremony, students are expected to maintain a measure of decorum consonant with the occasion. Applause and other recognition of the conferring of degrees should be limited to a joint effort at the conclusion of each graduation group (e.g. B.S., B.A., etc.).

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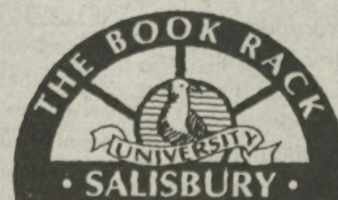
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